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Att: Edward F. Landrum, Patent Examiner Art Unit 3724

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop: Amendment
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Re: Office action of February 16, 2006 concerning:

- US Utility Patent application 10/814,504
- by Tracy
- filed on March 31, 2004
- for the "Foot Frame"
- confirmation #6464.

Edward F. Landrum:

I enclose:

- 1) an amended claim section with marked up changes,
- 2) a clean copy version of the amended claim section,
- 3) an amended detailed description section with marked up changes, and
- 4) a clean copy of the amended detailed description section.

Please enter the above amendments to the subject application.

Specification Objection: The objection to the Amendment filed 1/14/2006 because it introduces new matter is obviated by entry of the above amendments to the claims and detailed disclosure.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102: We respectfully disagree with your rejection of claims 1 through 7 under 35 USC 102(b) as being "**anticipated by Oates '513 (US Patent No. 4,926,513)**" and request that you withdraw this rejection in light of the above amendments and for the following reasons:

1. While Oates '513 teaches "the horizontal disposition and association with the support relative to the ground as indicated in the attached drawings is not essential. Vertical or other alternate **angular disposition...**" the plain meaning of which is that in the invention of Oates '513 the dispensing mechanism need not be parallel to the floor. Oates '513 further teaches that "The actuating assembly 130 is located at the foot of the bed as shown in FIG. 2 A ..." Examination of FIG. 2A reveals disposition of the

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